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History Teachings Reflections

If people's cultures are not included in history teachings what are the consequences for them and for us?	 We don't know about them-KP We don't know our history-IQ We don't know if our cultures are the same-AO We don't know their truth-TC We don't know who they are-EE We don't know how to celebrate them-AF We don't know what they do-ES We don't know their minds-LR We might be confused about that culture and not know anything about them-BFO We won't know their food, celebrations, daily life-LMP We won't know them as well as everyone else and they will feel left out-ERP We won't know the truth-MVM You won't be able to participate in their celebrations-JVA
If people's cultures are not included in history teachings is this erasure?	 Yes, because we don't know the whole person—JA Yes, because we can't talk to them because we don't know them—GB Yes, because if we do not learn the truth about them we can spread a rumor about them and it could go their whole life and we will never know the person—BO Yes, because when their culture isn't shared we can forget—QATB Yes, because we don't know anything about them—AGS Yes, we won't know their differences—AJH We won't know anything about the culture—JF
Why is it important to celebrate and respect cultural differences?	 If we don't then it is disrepresticting the culture–KP If we don't then they don't matter–IQ

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	 Not equal-ES Because people are very important -ESV We will know who they actually are-ALW We will miss out on all the fun-ERL
Remind students of our erasure activity and what they felt like to be erased. How did you empathize with those being erased from the activity?	 I feel bad because it's hurtful-GT Excited to learn about them and ask them questions-GB I will feel divided because I don't belong-BO Sad, because they must be sad and lonely-LC Mad, because they don't know how special we are-AJ
What are some stories you know a lot about in American History?	 Your own personal culture–GB We know a lot about people who were late to America–JW We know a lot about immigration–IQ We learn a lot about dominant culture because we are forced to learn about it–Gb George Washington, MLK, Presidents, Chicago,
Do you think you know all you want to know about some cultures?	 No, because there are some cultures we don't learn or see-ES No, because most people focus on themselves-GB No, I want to know more-BO No, it is better to learn more-AO No, I don't know about a lot of peoples languages, food they eat, what they wear-AGS
Which cultures do you hope to learn more about?	Black, Asian, Filipino, Japanese, Hispanic, Native American, Spanish, Puerto Rican, Welsh, Arab, All of them, Polish, Italy, Egyptian, Royal, UK, Greek,

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	Roman, Mexican, Germany, Iraq, Russian, Scottish, Thai, Ukraine, Turkey, Brazilian, Bulgarian
What cultures in American History have not been accurately represented in our American History Teachings?	Black Culture because people were enslaved for many years—GB We haven't been taught about so many—BO A lot of the cultures that are not known—GB Marginalized cultures—AO We haven't talked about hidden cultures from a long time ago—LMP